

Success Story on Developing Krishi Gyan Kendra under RKVY Madhya Pradesh

1. **Title:-** Strengthening Extension Infrastructure as Krishi Gyan Kendra - A bridge to farmers.
2. **Category:-** Agriculture
3. **Challenges:-** The green revolution was started in the country in the year 1960 , followed by world bank aided National Agriculture Extension Project in the year 1981. This project has given a boon to agriculture productivity in the state. The extension system of T7V developed during the implementation of this project sustained for many years. Every block headquarter of the state has been provided a well established office for the block level extension functionaries. This office had a accommodation of one small room for SADO and a hall for rest of the staff along with keeping various inputs. As the time passes, it has been felt badly that this accommodation is quite insufficient to cope up the requirement of block extension services, as in the peak time of sowing in both the season there were lots of input stored in the office to be distributed to the farmers. This has started creating hindrance in the working of block level staff.
Since there are 313 block in the state, therefore in the year 1994-95 after the withdrawal of world bank aid, the first stage estimation showed that the extension and renovation of these buildings requires huge amount. It could not be managed from the state funds up to the start of RKVY in the state. During this period the strategies, requirements, nature of extension services etc have been changed a lot and the mandate of the department has also shifted from only Agriculture Development to farmers Development also.
4. **Initiative:-** To cope up with the new extension strategies, farmers requirements for various information's, it has been decided at the government level that all 313 block offices will be converted in to "Krishi Gyan Kendras" so as to facilitate the farmers not only to guide them for technology transfer but to give them various information's regarding APMCs rates, weather forecast, availability of various quality inputs, and other information's required time to time. In first stage all these offices have been equipped with latest IT appliances , Net connectivity, Kiosk etc. In the second stage the block offices which have now been known as Krishi Gyan Kendras (KGKs) are to be renovated and extended to the extent of fulfilling the current requirement. The following are the projects sanctioned for the strengthening of KGKs under RKVY -

Rs. in Lakhs

SN	Date of SLSC	Cost of the projects	Expenditure	Major works carried out
1	09.07.2009	450.00	450.00	Out of total 313 block offices ,298 are strengthened from RKVY, remaining 15 offices were developed from Bundelkhand Package. Every KGK has been provided two 9mx6m hall , one for input storage and another is for training of farmers. Training hall was also equipped with all necessary furniture and equipments. The old building infrastructure was renovated to be used as computer room and for sitting of block level staff.
2	07.02.2011	500.00	500.00	
3	06.07.2011	2268.48	2254.76	
4	09.06.2012	1560.00	1560.00	
5	14.06.2013	420.00	420.00	
6	25.06.2014	2660.00	2660.00	
7	23.02.2016	385.00	385.00	

5. **Key Result/ Insight /Interesting Facts:-** Perhaps Madhya Pradesh is the only state which has created the excellent extension infrastructure at the bottom most block level in all the blocks of the state. The computer, printer, Net connectivity, has been provided from the Agris-Net scheme. All other necessary infrastructure, furniture and materials have been provided from the state fund as well as from RKVY. As on date all block offices are working as KGK in a excellent manner. This attempt of the department has highly been appreciated by the farmers, extension workers, other line department who are using it also and the local public representatives.
6. **Impact:-** Since all SADO offices at block HQ are strengthened and converted in to Krishi Gyan Kendras ,farmers are getting various information day to day as every KGK has been provided with computers, printer, Net connectivity, and facilities for farmers gathering. Seasonal get together of farmers-Scientists- and extension functionaries are taking place at the KGK for sharing information's each other. Fully congenial working atmosphere has been created at the KGK, which has also increased the working efficiency of the functionaries.
7. **Lesson Learnt:-** Since working of Agriculture Department is presumed to the toughest amongst all department as the efficiency and success of the department has been judged twice a year i.e. first in Kharif season and second in Rabi season. With this attempt it has been observed that increasing productivity viz. a viz. production, income of the farmers, reducing the cost of cultivation etc are such works which need concentrated efforts from government, extension functionaries, agriculture scientists, and farmers. This requires a extremely systematic development plan which should cover all aspects as discussed earlier. After giving required facilities to the employee, government becomes empowered to extract work from them, otherwise half hearted efforts are done just to comply the orders. Secondly extension delivery is just like a team work without which desired result cannot be expected.
8. **Supporting Quotes and Images :-**



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